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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/GB00/01070

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

21 March 2000

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

23 March 1999

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE DRYING OF NATURAL GAS

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Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is the **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limits set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made.

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8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☒ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information: International Search Report and Preliminary Examination Report, (Cited references are with the attached PTO 1449), Copy of PCT Request, Front Page of PCT Published Application, and Return Postcard

17. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1)-(5))

Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$860.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO
(37 CFR 1.482).....\$690.00

No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO
(37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2))
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Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482)
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Total claims	32 - 20 =	12	X \$18.00	\$216.00	
Independent claims	3 - 3 =	0	X \$80.00	\$0	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (If applicable)			X \$270.00	\$0	
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =	\$1076.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property	\$	
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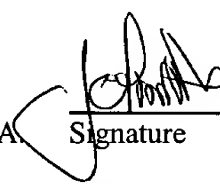
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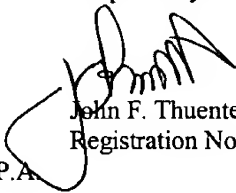
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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are the following documents:

1. Certificate of Express Mailing;
2. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371;
3. An English copy of the International Application as published;
4. Substitute Specification;
5. Preliminary Amendment;
6. PCT Request;
7. International Search Report;
8. International Preliminary Examination Report;
9. Front Page of PCT Publication No. WO 00/56844;
10. Information Disclosure Statement;
11. Our check in the amount of \$1076.00 ; and
12. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

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